

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

PICCONI, L.

Atty. Ref.: 1303-138

Serial No. unknown

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For: APPARATUS DESIGNED TO MODULATE THE NEUROVEGETATIVE  
SYSTEM AND INTEGRATE ITS ACTION WITH THAT OF THE CENTRAL  
NERVOUS SYSTEM; APPLICATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF THE  
VASCULAR SYSTEM AND ORTHOPAEDIC DISORDERS

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March 13, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding  
paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs  
showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, please insert as a separate paragraph:

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### IN THE CLAIMS

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3. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the voltage of the pulses applied is controlled by the patient/user by suitable means.
4. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that it includes a pair of electrodes designed to transmit the said pulses, one of which can be applied to the motor point and the other to the muscle belly in the area to be treated.
5. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the said means designed to transmit the said pulses include devices able to vary the voltage, amplitude and frequency of the said pulses.
6. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that it includes means designed to regulate the amplitude and frequency of the pulses, which said means are activated directly by the patient.

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18. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the patient is affected by diabetic food.

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**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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